GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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DEFENCE AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the Defence Airports from where the civilian flights are being operated at present;

(b) the revenue earned by the Defence authorities therefrom annually;

(c) whether there is any proposal to allow civilian aircraft operations from Defence airfields;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the safety of Air Force installations?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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At present scheduled civil flights are operating from 24 Defence airfields. The names of these airfields are annexed.

The revenue earned from these airfields during the year 2004-2005 was Rs. 68.96 crores.

The proposals relating to allowing civilian aircraft to operate from any Defence airfield is considered on the basis of proposals received from operators in accordance with extant guidelines.

In order to ensure the safety of the Air Force installations due to the operation of civil aircraft from Defence airfields, separate isolated enclosures are developed and managed by the Airports Authority of India for the operations of these aircraft. Besides, the security of Air Force installation is ensured through the following steps:-

(a) Restricted entry to the campus, regulated by check of identity by Indian Air Force (IAF) Police and Defence Security Corps (DSC).

(b) Point security through armed Air Force and DSC guards. Use of mobile patrols for perimeter and area security.

(c) Watch towers/observation posts on the perimeter along with armed guards.

(d) Contingency reaction by armed Quick Reaction Team of Air Force personnel available on a 24 hours basis.

(e) Optimum utilization of security equipment held with the IAF.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN THE STATEMENT GIVEN IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 355 FOR 18.8.2005

LIST OF DEFENCE AIRFIELDS USED BY CIVIL FLIGHTS:

1. Chandigarh IAF

2. Jammu IAF

3. Leh IAF

4. Pathankot IAF

5. Srinagar IAF
6. Thoise IAF

7 Bhuj IAF

8. Jamnagar IAF

9. Jodhpur IAF
10. Pune IAF
11. Bagdogra IAF
12. Jorhat IAF
13. Kumbhigram IAF
14. Tezpur IAF
15. Agra IAF
16. Allahabad IAF
17. Gwalior IAF
18. Kanpur IAF
19. Gorakhpur IAF
20. Goa (Dabolim) INDIAN NAVY
21. Visakhapatnam INDIAN NAVY
22. Port Blair INDIAN NAVY
23. Bangalore HAL
24. Ozhar HAL